

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A retainer for an adjustment device for an ~~over-centre~~over-center fastener for securing and clamping two parts ~~(11, 12)~~ together by applying a pulling force between said two parts by ~~means of a lever (30)~~, said adjustment device ~~including comprising:~~

an externally threaded member ~~(27a)~~ and an internally threaded member ~~(23)~~ rotatable relative to one another, said internally threaded member being a ~~conventional~~ lock nut ~~(23)~~ having a friction increasing insert ~~(24)~~ and being unrotationally held by a structure ~~(31, 33)~~ movable with the lever ~~(30)~~, ~~characterized in that~~

wherein said structure is a bent sheet metal structure ~~(31, 33)~~ having a generally inverted U-shaped portion including opposed flange portions ~~(31a, 31b)~~ and a web portion ~~(31e)~~, the flange portions being linked to a respective flange portion ~~(30a, 30b)~~ of the lever ~~(30)~~ and the web portion ~~(31e)~~ carrying an integral extension ~~(33)~~, a first portion ~~(33a)~~ of said extension being bent at substantially 90° so as to extend along and abut a respective forwardly directed edge ~~(34)~~ of the flange portions ~~(30a, 30b)~~, a second portion ~~(33b)~~ of said extension being bent at 90° in relation to the first portion, and a third portion ~~(33e)~~ of said extension being further bent at 90° in relation to the second portion ~~(33b)~~; flap portions ~~(33f)~~ originally extending in opposite directions from the third portion ~~(33e)~~ being bent towards the first portion ~~(33a)~~ so as to be mutually parallel, thus forming a nut retaining pocket ~~(35)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The retainer according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~
wherein a distance between the flap portions ~~(33f)~~ is slightly greater than ~~the~~ a width between

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opposed surfaces ~~(23a, 23b)~~ of a the lock nut ~~(23)~~ received within the pocket ~~(35)~~ so as to unrotationally keep the nut therein.

3. (Currently Amended) The retainer according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ the further comprising:

holes ~~(36, 37)~~ for the threaded ~~portion (27a) of the stem (27)~~ are member provided in the third and first portions ~~(33e, 33a)~~ of the extension ~~(33)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The retainer according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ the further comprising:

holes ~~(36, 37)~~ for the threaded ~~portion (27a) of the stem (27)~~ are member provided in the third and first portions ~~(33e, 33a)~~ of the extension ~~(33)~~.